

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 24, 2008, has been received and carefully considered. In this response, claims 48, 49, 52, 53, 56, and 57 have been amended and claims 58-66 have been added. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendments to claims 48, 49, 52, 53, 56, and 57 and the addition of claims 58-66 is respectfully requested. Reconsideration of the rejections pending in the present application is also respectfully requested based on the amendments and additions presented herein, the remarks and arguments previously submitted, and the discussions held between Examiners Nguyen and Stamber, the Applicant, and the undersigned attorney of record on February 25, 2009.

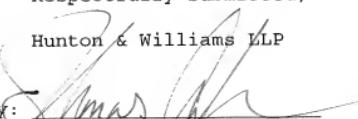
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to the same deposit account.

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